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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY MISSION DEBT ARREARAGES

REFS: (A) STATE 136243, (B) SANTIAGO 3710, (C) REPORT ON MILITARY MISSION DEBT ARREARAGES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JOINT STATE/DEFENSE ACTIONS TO RESOLVE THESE DEBTS, DATED FEBRUARY 27, 1976

1. ACCORDING TO REF C, THE GOC DEBT ARREARAGES FOR THE US MILITARY GROUP IN CHILE AMOUNT TO \$23,787.00 FOR THE NAVY AND \$4,360.31 FOR THE ARMY. BOTH OUTSTANDING DEBTS ARE FOR PCS AND RELATED EXPENSES. EMBASSY NOTES THAT BILLS AND FOLLOW UP LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE CHILEAN MILITARY ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON.

2. AS NOTED IN REF B, EMBASSY HAS NEVER BEFORE PROCESSED ANY MILITARY MISSION DEBTS OF THIS TYPE. EMBASSY FURTHER DOES NOT HAVE ANY RECORD OR SPECIFICS ON THE DEBTS. BEFORE WE APPROACH THE GOC ON THE DEBT ARREARAGES, WE PROPOSE THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR US:

(A) WHAT, IF ANY, RESPONSE THE GOC HAD MADE TO PREVIOUS USG BILLINGS AND FOLLOW UP LETTERS, AND

(B) WHAT DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DEBTS. IN THIS REGARD, WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT INDIVIDUALS, WHAT PCS-RELATED EXPENSES AND WHAT DATES ARE IN QUESTION.

3. WITH THE ABOVE INFORMATION, THE EMBASSY WOULD THEN MAKE AN INFORMAL, LOW-KEY APPROACH TO THE APPROPRIATE DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICIAL. THE GOC RESPONSE WOULD DICTATE FUTURE COURSES OF ACTION, CONFIDENTIAL

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IF NEEDED.

4. ANY APPROACH ON THIS ISSUE MUST BE HANDLED CAREFULLY, IN VIEW  
OF THE GOC'S FRUSTRATION AND DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE CURRENT USG  
RESTRICTIONS ON MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO CHILE.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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